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1. An air force barracks installation, surrounded by a triple barbed wire fence with watchtowers, was about 150 meters north of the Syzran (53°11'N/48°27'E) railroad station, Kuybyshev Oblast, just west of a road leading to a tank barracks. The installation had a minimum length of 150 meters along the road, but its width could not be determined. A railroad siding began at the central station and ran just east of the main road, past the installation. Some small buildings and a three-story building, about 50 to 60 meters long, were seen from the road. Soviet Army sentries wearing light-blue epaulets and caps with ribbons of the same color were posted at the entrance to the installation.
2. The improvised airfield, located on the eastern edge of Syzran, about 900 meters north of the Volga River, had no buildings or installations. From late 1946 to November 1948, the field was occupied by three so-called mail aircraft, single-engine, low-wing monoplanes with rigid landing gear and two-seater plexiglass cockpit canopy.

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